

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended for clarification purposes. Support for the claim amendments can be found at pages 7-9 of the specification. Claims 1-15 are currently pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 9, 12 AND 14-15 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER BORMAN ET AL. (U.S. PATENT NO. 5,890,172; HEREINAFTER “BORMAN”(previously cited) IN VIEW OF ROSENTHAL (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,148,301)(previously cited):

At page 13 of the Office Action, the Examiner admits that Borman fails to disclose the Applicant's “special character image dictionary” nor “special character database file” as recited in claim 14, for example.

However, the Examiner asserts that Rosenthal discloses an information distribution system including an information database, which stores picture and character images of documents supplied to the system via facsimile.

As pointed out by the Examiner, column 2, lines 24-67 of Rosenthal disclose an information distribution system having an information database for storing information and providing high speed access thereto. The database stores picture and character images of documents as supplied to the system by way of facsimile and a subscription database is providing to store an identity of each subscriber or recipient. The system includes a processor programmed to scan the information database to determine if any new documents have been added and then scans the subscription database to identify each subscriber having an interest in the subject matter of the new document and automatically transmits the new documents to each subscriber having an interest therein.

The independent claims have been amended for further clarification. For example, claim 1 has been amended to recite “a system for processing special characters used in a document that is dynamically compiled from records of a database for browsing at client systems.” Further, claim 1 has been amended to recite “a special character definitions means for creating a special character database file containing codes of special characters used in the database, the special characters being a class of characters that cannot be displayed with a standard font installed in the client systems, a special character image generation means for producing graphical images corresponding to the codes of the special characters stored in the special character database

file, with reference to a given character pattern dictionary containing character pattern data..."

The Applicant respectfully submits that neither Borman nor Rosenthal, individually or combined, disclose the features as recited above in amended claim 1. For example, neither of these references disclose "a system for processing special characters used in a document that is dynamically compiled from records of a database for browsing at client systems" nor "the special characters being a class of characters that cannot be displayed with a standard font installed in the client systems" as recited in amended claim 1. That is, the documents received via facsimile in Rosenthal were not compiled dynamically from records of a database, such as Internet web pages. Instead, in Rosenthal the documents received via facsimile are static. Further, the ordinary pictures or characters of documents received via facsimile in Rosenthal are not comparable to the Applicants "special characters" as recited in amended claim 1, for example. That is, the ordinary pictures or characters of documents in Rosenthal may be displayed at the subscriber's terminal with a standard font installed therein.

Claims 9, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended to recite features similar to that of amended claim 1. Thus, although the above comments are specifically directed to claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the comments would be helpful in understanding differences of various other rejected claims over the cited references.

Thus, the combination of Borman and Rosenthal fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness over the present invention. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 2-8, 10-11 AND 13 UNDER 35 U.S.C. 103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER BORMAN IN VIEW OF ROSENTHAL AND FURTHER IN VIEW OF IKEDA ET AL. (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,073,143:HEREINAFTER "IKEDA") (previously cited)

The comments mentioned in section I above, may be applied here also.

III. CONCLUSION:

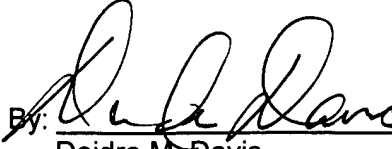
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore, defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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